LIFE SAVING RULES
Toolbox Talk
Work Authorization
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ENERGY SAFETY CANADA’S 10 LIFE SAVING RULES

- Confined Space
- Working at Height
- Work Authorization
- Energy Isolation
- Line of Fire
- Bypassing Safety Controls
- Driving
- Hot Work
- Safe Mechanical Lifting
- Fit for Duty
WORK AUTHORIZATION RULE

- Work with a valid permit when required
  - I have confirmed if a permit is required
  - I am authorized to perform the work
  - I understand the permit
  - I have confirmed that hazards are controlled and it is safe to start
  - I stop and reassess if conditions change
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

• You should **stop and reassess** if there are changes to:
  • What was originally planned and captured on the permit
  • Work environment
  • Equipment
  • Process or operating parameters
  • Personnel
AS A SUPERVISOR

- I ensure the need for a work permit is understood by workers and it is safe to proceed
- I stop and reassess if conditions change
- I confirm the work is complete, and the work permit is signed off
AS A PERMIT ISSUER

- I have the required training and knowledge to safely issue work permits
- I ensure the work permit is specific to the work being planned
- I ensure adequate systems and equipment are in place for effective communication
- I ensure that any simultaneous operation which may impact the work on this permit, or if the work may impact the work of others, is identified, controlled and communicated
AS A WORKER

• I have the required training and knowledge to safely perform work
• I understand and follow the work permit
• I confirm hazards are controlled as stated on the work permit and that it is safe to start work
• I stop and reassess if conditions change
EXAMPLE VIOLATIONS

- Work is started without confirming whether a work permit is required
- Simultaneous operations are not addressed in the work permit, resulting in an incident
- Work is conducted outside of the scope of the work permit
- Hazard controls identified in the work permit are not implemented
- A significant change occurs and is identified, but it is not brought to the supervisor’s and/or permit issuer’s attention
RELATED LIFE SAVING RULES

CONFINED SPACE

WORK AUTHORIZATION

FIT FOR DUTY

BYPASSING SAFETY CONTROLS

HOT WORK
SUMMARY

• Know your role and responsibilities in relation to the Work Authorization rule
• Notify your supervisor immediately if you are unsure about how to comply with this rule in your work environment
• If you see a potential violation of the Work Authorization rule, intervene – it could be the last chance to prevent a fatality
• Consistent application of the Life Saving Rules equates to saved lives
• These rules are essential to achieving industry’s shared vision: zero injuries, zero incidents
QUESTIONS?